

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph at page 5 paragraph [0022], as follows:

--The invention is explained by means of drawings in which:

fig. 1 shows an annular gap with a sealing means,

fig. 2 shows a part longitudinal section through a gas turbine, and

fig. 3 shows the annular gap according to fig. 1 with offset rings,

fig. 4 shows the annular gap according to fig. 3 after calking of the circumferential groove.--

Please amend the paragraph at page 4 paragraph [0017], as follows:

For this purpose, the fixed end of the spring element is introduced as fixed bearing in a circumferential groove provided on the end face of the rear ring and can be connected, gas-tight, to the rear ring by welding or soldering. During movements, therefore, the spring element always ~~commoves~~co-moves in synchronism with the rear ring.